ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय के ग्रामीण विकास विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री उत्तम भाई पटेल) : (क) और (ख) विशेष समस्या वाले क्षेत्र में सड़कों के निर्माण की योजना के अंतर्गत मध्य प्रदेश में 14 सड़कें स्वीकृत की गई थी । सभी सड़कें निर्माणाधीन हैं । स्वीकृत किए गए इन निर्माण कार्यों में से 5 सड़कें वन क्षेत्र से होकर गुजरती हैं । इनमें से एक मामले में सड़क वन भूमि से गुजरती है, अन्य चार मामलों में मामला राज्य सरकार के पास लंबित है । उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार मध्य प्रदेश में डाकुओं से प्रभावित क्षेत्रों में सड़कों के निर्माण से जुड़ी वन भूमि के बदले वृक्षारोपण हेतु वन विभाग को हस्तान्तरित करने के लिए जिला प्रशासन के पास इसके बराबर अथवा उपयुक्त भूमि उपलब्ध नहीं है । राज्य सरकार ने सड़कों के लिए वन भूमि को हस्तान्तरित किए जाने की एवज में वैकल्पिक भूमि देने का प्रस्ताव किया है ।

प्रधानमंत्री कार्यालय में प्राप्त हुए पत्रों पर अनुवर्ती कार्रवाई

3863. **श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल :** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि प्रधानमंत्री कार्यालय में प्राप्त होने वाले सांसदों के पत्र अन्य कार्यालयों को अग्रेषित कर दिए जाते हैं;

(ख) क्या ऐसे कार्यालय प्रधानमंत्री कार्यालय को उन पर की गई अनुवर्ती कार्रवाई के सम्बन्ध में सूचित करते हैं;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(घ) क्या प्रधानमंत्री ऐसे कार्यालयों को उनके द्वारा की गई अनुवर्ती कार्रवाई के सम्बन्ध में प्रधानमंत्री कार्यालय को जानकारी देने का आदेश देंगे ?

प्रधान मंत्री कार्यालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री भुवनेश चतुर्वेदी) : (क) से (घ) प्रधानमंत्री को संसद सदस्यों से प्राप्त होने वाले पत्र विभिन्न श्रेणियों के होते हैं । अधिकांश पत्रों पर कार्रवाई केन्द्र सरकार के सम्बन्धित मंत्रालयों/विभागों अथवा राज्य सरकारों, जैसा भी मामला हो, द्वारा की जानी होती है । कुछ ऐसे पत्र भी होते हैं जिन पर या तो कोई विशिष्ट कार्रवाई करनी अपेक्षित नहीं होती है अथवा प्रधानमंत्री कार्यालय में कार्रवाई करनी होती है । ऐसे पत्रों, जिन पर केन्द्र सरकार के मंत्रालयों/विभागों अथवा राज्य सरकारों द्वारा कार्रवाई की जानी होती है, को उन पत्रों में उठाए गए मुद्दों पर विचार करने तथा संसद सदस्यों को समुचित उत्तर देने के लिए अग्रेषित कर दिया जाता है । मुख्यत: यह सम्बन्धित मंत्रालयों/विभागों अथवा राज्य सरकारों, जैसा भी मामला हो, का उत्तरदायित्व है कि वे इन पत्रों पर कार्रवाई करें और संसद सदस्यों को उत्तर भेजें । तथापि, जरूरी समझे जाने वाले मामलों में, प्रधानमंत्री कार्यालय द्वारा सम्बन्धित मंत्रालयों/विभागों/राज्य सरकारों से उन पर की गई कार्रवाई की सूचना देने के लिए कहा जाता है ।

Russian Offer to Build Nuclear Power Station in Tamil Nadu

3864. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the visiting Russian Minister had renewed the Russian offer to build 92,000 megawatt nuclear power station in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details of the offer and the proposed plant; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) to (c) During the visit of Russian Minister of Atomic Energy Prof. V. N. Mikhailov, discussions for implementation of the Kudankulam Atomic Plant were held to make a fresh assessment of the economic and commercial aspects of the project which have changed since the signing of Inter Governmental Agreement (IGA) of November 1988 between erstwhile USSR and India. Discussions with Russia have not been concluded.

Kudankulam Atomic Power Project

3865. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question No. 138 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd March, 1994 and state :

(a) when the work on Kudankulam Atomic Power Project is likely to commence and whether talks with Russia had been concluded;

(b) whether any time limit has been laid down for the purpose; and

(c) what is the total amount likely to be spent for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) to (c) The Kudankulam Atomic Power Project is to be implemented in terms of the Inter Governmental Agreement (IGA) of November 1988 signed between erstwhile USSR and India. However, consequent to the political developments in the erstwhile USSR, discussions have been held with the

Russian Federation in January 1993, December 1993 and February 1994 to explore the possibility of its implementation after making a fresh assessment of the economic and commercial aspects of the project which have changed since the signing of IGA in 1988. Discussions with Russia have not been concluded. The cost and other details of the project will be known after the discussions are completed.

Mishaps in Atomic Power Plants

3866. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the mishaps which occurred in the atomic power plants in the country, plant-wise, since their commissioning;

(b) whether any nuclear power plant is using electricity more than what is being generated by that plant;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether Government think that the performance of the nuclear power plants has been unsatisfactory in relation to their capacity; and

(e) if so, what measures are contemplated by Government in this ragard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) In terms of International Nuclear Event Scale (INES) reporting system, nuclear events are rated ranging from 0 to 7. Events rated upto and including 3 are incidents and events rated as 4 and above are rated as accidents. No accidents (mishaps) have so far occurred in the Indian Nuclear Power Plants.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The auxiliary consumption of the nuclear plants in India is around 12% of the gross generation at normative levels of the operation. During temporary periods of shutdown of the units for maintenance, the units concerned draw their electricity requirements from the grid. The Nuclear Power Plants have supplied to the grids about 20600 MUs (million units) out of a total generation of 23700 MUs during the years 1991-92 to 1993-94.

(d) and (e) The performance of Tarapur Atomic Power Station 1 & 2 and Rajasthan Atomic Power Station-2 has been generally very good whereas the performance of Madras Atomic Power Station 1 & 2 has been affected by turbine blade and moderator inlet manifold failures. Narora Atomic Power Station-1 was affected by the fire incident caused by the failure of turbine blades. The Nuclear Power Corporation has taken necessary corrective steps to modify the turbine blades in all the Nuclear Power Plants. Efforts for strengthening of preventive and predictive maintenance, outage planning and equipment condition monitoring are on.

Nuclear-Waste Management in India

3867. DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that satisfaction is expressed at international forum about India's capacity in dealing with nuclear wastes;

(b) whether it is also a fact that any adverse comments or criticism has recently been made by any international forum or agency about India's nuclear-waste management programmes;

(c) whether India compares with other developed western countries in nuclear-waste management; if so, how; and

(d) whether the department of Atomic Energy is complascent about its waste-management programme or it is improving;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) India's Radioactive Waste Management practices are in conformity with international standards and are governed by the rules and regulations prescribed by the National Regulatory Authorities. India has gained a lot of experience in the field of Radioactive Waste Management in the past several years. Our expertise being used by IAEA in its various programmes related to waste management testifies to our capacities in this field.

(b) No, Sir. No adverse criticism or comments made recently by any international forum/agency has come to our knowledge.

(c) Yes, Sir. India compares well with other developed western countries in dealing with the Nuclear waste. The processes adopted in India are very similar to those adopted in the developed western countries.

(d) No, Sir. The Department attaches great importance to these areas and is continuously working to improve the process and the technology related to radioactive waste Management Programmes.

Food Irradiation Technology

3868. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that food irradiation technology is being opposed all over the world by strong consumer movements and if so, what are the reasons for its being promoted in our country, especially for food exports, which are bound to be boycotted abroad;